

SCH. HARMONY IS RELEASED

Towed to Lunenburg to Repair—Salvage Matter to be Settled by Court.

Sch. Harmony, after being held three weeks at Canso, N. S., having been libelled by the crew for salvage, was released Friday and left immediately in tow of tug Scotsburn for Lunenburg to undergo repairs, says a Canso despatch.

Capt. William Grady took charge of the craft in the interests of the owners. The crew have been forwarded to Boston by American consul. The question of salvage is to be settled in the county court of Guysboro in May of next year.

GOOD CHANCE FOR WAGER AND RACE

Here's some noise from the St. John's N. F. News of Friday:

"It will be news to many that the Newfoundland banker is away ahead of any boat, even the Gloucester and Boston fleet included. During the season closed the local fleet comprized some of the most modern hulls and the fastest sailers. Several of them were only off the stocks, many others only a year old, and the remainder, as good as the American or Nova Scotian fisher. As sailers the Newfoundland bankers have the season's record. In August last the schooner A. V. Hollett, Captain Hollett, was reported by a passing steamer to Cape Race as being 300 miles from St. John's bound to this port, with all sail set. The schooner reached here a few minutes under 20 hours, having averaged a speed of 15 knots an hour. Many of our bankers have the best apartments possible for the comfort of the crews, and in a number of instances are fitted with search lights, operated by a dry battery system, for picking up the men during darkness and when fog prevails. A feature of this year's voyage is that the death roll is the smallest on record."

THAW'S YACHT FOR FISHING.

The Wissoe Bought by T Wharf Parties.

Boston's fishing fleet will receive a notable addition when the former steam yacht Wissoe is ready for service. She has been purchased by Frank R. Neal of T wharf, from New York parties and is now at the Eastern Packet Pier being outfitted for shore fishing. The Wissoe was built in New York in 1897, and at one time was the property of Harry K. Thaw.

She is 74.9 feet long, 13.2 feet beam, 8.3 feet depth of hold, net tonnage 31, and gross tonnage 46. The Wissoe will be used as a fast vessel to bring fish quickly to market. Her purchase price together with the cost of repairs and alterations was \$11,000.

FIRE AT BAY OF ISLANDS.

Bank of Montreal Building was Totally Demolished.

Word was received in the city that the Bank of Montreal building at Bay of Islands was totally destroyed by fire. It started at 3 o'clock and soon was demolished. The origin was unknown up to press hour. The building was not quite finished and had not been occupied by the bank. It cost about \$15,000. Mr. H. T. Cummings, who superintended the work for the Horwood Lumber Co., intended leaving there next Wednesday. It is not known at the office of the Horwood Co. today if the building was insured as Mr. Horwood was out of town. Only last February the Bank of Montreal building at Bay of Islands was destroyed by fire and now they meet with a similar misfortune.—St. John's, N. F., Herald.

Pensacola Arrivals.

One hundred and sixty-four thousand pounds of snapper and grouper was discharged Wednesday at the docks of the E. E. Saunders and Warren Fish Companies, making the day one of the busiest experienced by the fish houses during the present busy period. There were five arrivals during the 24 hours ending Wednesday at noon and all reported fairly good catches. The arrivals and their respective catches follow:

Clara Harwood, 15,000 lbs. snapper, Fish Hawk, 30,000 lbs. snapper, 20,000 lbs. groupers; Maude F. Silvia, 24,000 lbs. snapper, 21,000 lbs. grouper; Culebra, 25,000 lbs. snapper, 15,000 lbs. grouper; Cavalier, 45,000 lbs. snapper, total, 109,000 lbs. snapper, 56,000 lbs. grouper.

The aggregate catch reported during the day, 165,000 pounds.—Pensacola News, November 26.

Sardine Industry a Failure at Rockland

Scarcity of herring and inability to secure sufficient help when the fish were plentiful, are assigned as the reasons for the practical failure of the sardine industry in Rockland.

When the season closed Saturday, it was announced that the local factory, one of the largest in the world, had canned not more than one-quarter of its capacity. The run of fish was virtually limited to six weeks and the local concern was unable to obtain more than half of the needed number of operatives. The output is already disposed of at prices which represent a logical increase over last season's figures.

Heavy Fish Exports.

The Halifax, N. S., Herald of Tuesday last says that last week was a particularly heavy week for fish exports from this port. The principal items sent to the United States were 1781 boxes boneless fish, 1241 drums dry salt fish, 227 barrels salt mackerel, 639 barrels salt herring, 124 cases pickled fish, 337 packages fish waste, 113 barrels fresh mackerel, 139 cases fresh fish, 18 cases halibut, 40 boxes smelts, 112 barrels clams, 5 boxes haddies. Other items brought the value up to about \$40,000 besides this almost 50,000 pounds of fresh fish was sent to Digby.

Fine Stock.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin stocked \$1900 on her recent haddocking trip, the crew each sharing \$36.50 clear.

THE TEAZER HAD BAD WEATHER

Capt. Dunsky Reports Losing 24 Skates of Trawl—Big Hauls of Pollock.

One arrival was reported at this port up to noon today, being sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunsky with a small halibut fare from Quero.

The Teazer, like others of the incoming halibuters, found fishing scarce during the four weeks' trip. The craft lost 24 skates of trawl this time out as the result of bad weather on the banks. Capt. Dunsky hailed for 7000 pounds fresh halibut and some salt fish, the halibut going to the American Halibut Company.

Most of the gill netters found good fishing yesterday, lifting their nets for the first time since Saturday. Over 250,000 pounds in all were landed, 90 per cent. of which was pollock, with the remainder cod and hake. Many of the trips went to the splitters yesterday afternoon.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 7580 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 13,500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 10,200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Orion, gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Randolph, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Swan, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lydia, gill netting, 4600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Seven Brothers gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 16,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Scout, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Teazer, Quero Bank, 7000 lbs. fresh halibut, 7000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Bay State, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sailed Yesterday.

Sch. Independence II, Newfoundland.

Sch. Elsie, haddocking.

Br. sch. Gardner M. Hollett, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.50.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.25.

Dory handline cod, \$5 for large; \$4 for medium; snappers, \$3.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.

Filched halibut, 10c per lb.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.

Hake, \$2.

Pollock, \$2.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.15; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10c per lb. pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.40.

Cusk, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.

Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl. for bulk.

Newfoundland bulk salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$4.00 per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 9 1-4 c per lb. white and 7 1-4 c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large, 30c each.

Portland Fish Notes.

The weather offshore of late has been so uncertain that the motor fishermen and others of the offshore fleet have taken few fish, and in many cases were driven back without reaching the fishing grounds. There seem to be fish enough, but there has been a combination of fogs, squalls and high seas.

Lost False Keel.

Sch. Imperator, Capt. Freeman Decker, which recently went ashore on Half Moon ledges is on the railway at Yarmouth. The loss of a false keel was the extent of damage done to her by the mishap.

Week's Landings at T Wharf.

Fresh groundfish receipts landed at Boston for the week ending November 28 amounted to 1,673,310 pounds from 62 arrivals as compared with 1,534,000 from 79 arrivals for the corresponding week of 1912.

NETTERS OWN THE DOCK

of Them at T Wharf
and One Off Shore—
Big Prices.

A small fleet of arrivals reported at Boston, this morning, the total is figuring 75,000 pounds. The steam trawler Swell was the first in from off shore, her haul for 23,000 pounds. Five of the cod netting fleet had fares averaged from 2000 to 3800 pounds. Wholesale prices were \$5 to \$7.50 per hundred pounds for haddock, \$6.40 for cod, \$3 to \$5 for market cod, \$3.50 for hake and \$1.25 to \$1.75 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

Arrivals and receipts in detail as follows: Swell, 20,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 sole. Gladys and Nellie, 5000 haddock, 1400 pollock, 5000 cod. Sylvester, 3300 cod. W. H. Reed, 3500 cod. On Time, 2000 cod. Sarah, 3800 cod. Robert and Edwin, 1000 cod, 1000 sole.

Yoga, 24,000 pollock. Haddock, \$5 to \$7.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6.40; market cod, \$3 to \$5; hake, \$3.50; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.75.

SQUANTO LOST MAINMAST

her maintopmast and foresail and about five feet of her main-masting, the Duxbury fishing schooner Squanto, in tow of the Yarmouth tug Hughie D. put in at Sunday night for shelter, and been forced to seek a harbor on her way to Boston, where to haul out for repairs. According to Capt. Peter White of Boston, skipper of the Squanto, the vessel struck a squall just as she was about to begin fishing about 10 miles outside of Yarmouth last night and during the blow the vessel was damaged as has been already

ple, she limped into Yarmouth, and that she could not be repaired there, she engaged the tug Hughie D. to tow her to Boston, where the direction of her agent, Arthur Windsor, she will be hauled out for repairs. She has about 2000 lbs. of ground fish on board and a crew of about 18 men.

Halibut Sale.

fare of sch. Teazer sold to the Cape Halibut Company at 9 1-4 per pound for white and 7 1-4 for gray.

HERRING SEASON OPENED WELL

The winter herring fishery has opened very favorably, and with excellent prospects at Bonne Bay and Woods Island, where good catches were made by the net-men last week, says the St. John's, N. F., Herald. The herring have not yet struck in in their usual abundance in the arms of the Bay of Islands, but the fishermen are expecting to be into the thick of the work next week. The market for frozen herring in Gloucester, Boston, etc., was never better than it is at the present time, and all who are engaged in the herring industry on the West Coast stand to make big money by the time the voyage is over, provided they can get the herring. Now that we have free fish markets in the States, it is a regrettable thing that our own merchants and planters appear not to have a sufficient spirit of enterprise to engage in the fishery. There was an excuse in the past when our people stood on an unequal footing with the skippers of American schooners. There is no justifiable reason now why we should not get more out of this great industry than what our West Coast fishermen get for catching the herring in their nets and selling them to foreign skippers who make fortunes out of the venture.

Favors Selling Fish at Auction.

The cargo of the Moravian Mission ship was sold at auction the other day, and fetched \$6.30 per quintal. The selling of this fish is a recognized annual affair, and prices fetched are considered the fairest criterion of values in the market, because here all fish interests compete, whereas all other transactions are between the fishermen and the individual merchant. The price the fish was knocked down for is thought to be high, all things considered, but the purchaser would never run it up to that figure if he did not expect to get his money out of it.

Speaking of this cargo and the mode of its disposal, we hope to see the day when every schooner load of fish coming to St. John's, sold by auction, so that actual values may always be known. At present it is almost impossible to ascertain the exact value in the city at anytime. We hear a great deal of fish buyers fixing prices from time to time, but nobody seems to stand by these compacts; every merchant seems to distrust his fellows, and hence no two give exactly the same price for fish any day during the season. This state of affairs can only be cured by open market selling.—St. John's, N. F., Trade Review.

Pensacola Arrivals.

Two fishing arrivals were recorded at Pensacola during the 24 hours ending Thursday noon, as follows: Mary E. Greer, to the Warren Fish Company, with 20,000 lbs. snapper and 20,000 lbs. grouper; Ruth A. Welles, to the E. E. Saunders Fish Company, with 18,000 lbs. snapper and 12,000 lbs. grouper.

STRUCK BUOY— SPRANG ALEAK

Sch. Maud F. Silva Is Called
"Queen of the Fleet"
at Pensacola.

Twenty-seven days out from Gloucester, in command of Capt. Loring Cooney, the new E. E. Saunders Co. smack Maud F. Silva reached Pensacola shortly after 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and berthed at the west side of Palafox street wharf. The Maud Silva is the last arrival of the three new smacks purchased this season from Gloucester by the Saunders Company. She sailed via the Campeachy snapper banks and a catch of 24,000 pounds of snapper and 21,000 pounds of grouper was reported on her arrival.

According to Capt. Frank Cooney, who had the Maud Silva built and who only a few days ago arrived with the Nettie Franklin, another of the new boats, the Silva may be classed as "The Queen of the Pensacola Fishing fleet." Capt. Cooney says that the Maud Silva, which is a sister ship of the Francis Sylvia will prove one of the fastest and best of the 53 Pensacola fishing smacks. For a number of years the well known Gloucester and Pensacola master has been acting in the capacity of purchasing agent for the Saunders Company in the buying of Gloucester smacks by the Pensacola firm.

While crossing the bar into the harbor Wednesday morning the Maud F. Silva came in contact with one of the buoys at the entrance and in doing so sprung aleak which caused the pumps to be worked almost continuously up the bay. She was picked up by the tug Sea King and towed to the city. Capt. Loring Cooney stated that he could not understand how a bag leak could be caused by the impact with the buoy, for the collision seemed to him to be very slight. It is possible that the vessel may be docked before proceeding on the second trip.—Pensacola News, November 26.

Mackerel Catch and Imports.

Imports of salt mackerel received at Boston to date figures 23,000 barrels as compared with 20,256 barrels for the same period last year.

Imports of fresh mackerel for the same period are 22,114 barrels this year and 15,103 barrels in 1912.

The fresh mackerel catch last week landed by the druggers was 208 barrels as compared with 141 barrels for the same in 1912.

Pickled Fish Cargo Coming.

Sch. Effie M. Morrissey, Capt. Wm. Ryder, sailed from Digby, Monday noon with a full cargo of pickled fish for Gloucester, Mass., shipped by Captain John Apt for Davis Brothers. Captain Apt expects to send another cargo forward from Digby county within a few weeks.—Digby Courier.

CANSO FISHERS ASK PRICE RAISE

A large gathering of the fishermen of Canso met in Phalen Hall recently to discuss ways and means of raising the prices paid for fish by the buyers at this port. The present prices are \$1.50 and \$1.25 per hundred weight for cod and haddock, and 60 cents for hake and pollock. Judging by the demand and prices obtained in the American and other markets, our fishermen consider the amounts paid for by the local buyers as being much too low. As a result of this meeting, the fishermen issued invitations to the several fish merchants to meet them later in order to thoroughly thrash out the matter. From information obtained by the writer learns that the buyers largely ignored the invitation. One merchant, however, intimated that his firm would raise the price paid to \$2.00 all around, if at least, 10 boats would sign an agreement to sell all their fish for the season to the firm, and continue so even should others buyers equal or exceed his increase. The fishermen have not yet consented to accept this contract, though they still have the matter under consideration.—Shelburne Gazette and Coast Guard.

Lockeport, N. S., Fishing News.

Poor fishing the last of the week on account of the rough weather.

Following is the fish list for week of Nov. 17 to Nov. 22: 146,724 lbs. mixed fresh fish; 28 qtls. 3136 lbs. dried fish; 1499 lbs. halibut; 1 bbl. or 200 lbs. fresh mackerel; 2 bbls. or 600 lbs. salt mackerel.

List of vessels: L. M. Hodge, gill netter, Capt. J. Benham, 6471 lbs. fish; Padlocke, gill netter, Capt. F. Firth, 7551 lbs. fish; Dolly Gray, Capt. A. Williams, 1800 lbs. fish; Togo, Capt. E. Locke, 11,943 lbs. fish; 65 lbs. halibut; Buema, Capt. C. Vanburg, 4,666 lbs. fish; Ohio, W. Williams, 19,486 lbs. fish; 424 lbs. halibut; Julie Opp, Capt. G. Benham, 26,200 lbs. fish; 725 lbs. halibut; Nellie Viola, Capt. J. McKenzie, 18,750 lbs. fish; 50 lbs. halibut; Alcyone, Capt. F. Butler, 13,117 lbs. fish; 120 lbs. halibut; R. L. McKenzie, Capt. R. McKenzie, 26,400 lbs. fish.

Another Chapter.

New conditions in the prosecution of the fishery have been opened up to our people in the abolition of duties on our green fish going into the United States, making every quintal of fish more valuable by \$2 to our fishermen sending it in salt bulk into Gloucester and Boston. We have in the northern outports fishermen as good as those of Grand Bank and Fortune. They only require the vessels and a knowledge of navigation in order to get their share of the golden harvest that is now to be reaped on the Grand Banks, the Virgins and the Flemish Cap.—St. John's, N. F., Herald.

Newfoundland News.

Sch. Flirt has sailed for Gloucester with a full cargo of herring.

Sch. Francis C. Smith has sailed from Hr. Breton with 200,256 pounds salt bulk fish for Gloucester.—St. John's N. F., Herald, Nov. 25.

The Newfoundland Market.

Speaking of the salt fish market and conditions, the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review of November 26, says:

The somewhat wet weather has interfered with fish discharging this week, and there is a good deal in the stream yet to be handled. We note this week that buyers are discriminating a little more closely between large and small fish, and are giving 20 cents more per quintal for the former. The figures this morning are accordingly \$6.50 for large merchantable, while small merchantable, and large Maderia are going for \$6.30; small Maderia are going at \$6.25. Labrador soft-cure is quoted today at \$4.80, while \$6 can be got for a good shore-cured Labrador. Cod oil is a little stronger, and is quoted from \$86 to \$87 per tun in iron-bound packages.

From a general view of the local fish market, we note that there is more fish coming in than the trade anticipated. The explanation for this is in the fact that there was more fish caught late in the season than usual, and the continuance of fine weather for curing up to a later period than usual, permitted of less fish being left over for spring cure. Induced by the high prices prevailing, fishermen took advantage of every fine day possible, in order to have all the fish they had landed cured and shipped this fall. Thus, there will be very much less fish than usual available for next spring.

North Sydney Notes.

There is a scarcity of dried codfish about here, and the price is high. In fact it is almost impossible to get good dried codfish at any price.

Quite a number of American and Lunenburg fishing vessels sought shelter in the harbor Saturday. These vessels are fishing off this port, and Scatarie. They report fishing fairly good but the weather is unfavorable. One of the vessels, the Benjamin Smith, of Gloucester, has been sixteen days from Gloucester and has secured 45,000 lbs. fish. Saturday evening in the rough weather the Smith lost twenty-two tubs of trawls.

The Lunenburg schooner, W. C. Smith arrived here Saturday with a load of salt herring from Bay of Islands, Newfoundland.—Sydney, C. B. Record.

The Menhaden Fishing Industry.

The Bureau of Fisheries of the Department of Commerce has recently completed a very comprehensive statistical canvass of the rapidly growing menhaden fish industry along our Atlantic coast, which shows the great economical importance of this industry. It appears that the season of 1912 was one of the most successful in the entire history of this trade, over 300,000 tons of fish yielding 6,650,000 gallons of oil and 90,000 tons of fertilizer, valued at \$5,700,000 being caught. About 150 vessels are employed in pursuit of the menhaden nearly 6,000 persons gain a livelihood, and about \$8,000,000 is invested.

LOBSTERMEN IN DEAD EARNEST

Bound Taking of "Shorts" Shall Cease — Evidence in Rockport Case Said to be Furnished by Assn. Official.

Martin Bowman, a lobsterman fisherman of Rockport has been summoned to appear in court tomorrow on complaint of Deputy Fish and Game Warden Carl E. Grant for violation of the lobster laws.

The evidence it is understood, was furnished by one of the Rockport officials of the Lobstermen's Association, whose members have pledged themselves not to save or trade in "shorts". It is claimed that Bowman had 17 lobsters of illegal length in his possession.

Lobstermen Want to Have Licenses*

An enthusiastic meeting of the Cape Ann Lobstermen's Association was held at the Fishermen's Institute, Friday evening, there being a large attendance of members.

On invitation of President Melvin Parsons, Representative-elect James M. Lyle of the 23d district was present and made an interesting talk on the lobster question. He pledged his support in working for legislation that would be beneficial to the lobstermen and would take an interest in their welfare as a member of the legislature.

A committee of three was appointed to draw up a bill, that would prohibit the sale of raw lobster meat in Massachusetts.

The association also decided to meet Chairman Field of the Fish and Game Commission, with a view of interesting him in a proposed bill for the licensing of all lobster fishermen, which would also provide a revocation of a license for one year, in cases of violations of the lobster law.

PEARL DOCTOR STIRS PARIS

Improves Gems and Makes Them Worth Much More Than Formerly.

At a recent meeting in Paris of the syndicate chamber of jewelers and dealers in pearls and precious stones, called together in haste by the President, a mysterious case of "pearl doctoring" was discussed, which was

only made public through the following note.

"The syndicate chamber of dealers in diamonds, pearls and precious stones, having learned that an attempt has been made to sell falsified pearls, has lodged a complaint with the judicial authorities against a person not named. The courts ordered the seizure of a large pearl and judicial inquiry is now being made by a magistrate, M. Chesnay."

This brief paragraph printed in a trade journal caused reporters to seek out M. Chesnay. They found him more communicative than the jewelers of the syndicate. The pearl in question, he said, had probably been worth \$10,000, as it was of good shape and orient and weighed 66 grains, but by means of some artificial process its orient had been enhanced so as to give it a probably greater market value of \$50,000. The syndicate, the magistrate said, had asked him to bring about a judicial investigation.

Meanwhile, there is much mystery surrounding the case, although statements have been made to the magistrate by Mr. Varina, the Hindu pearl doctor, by the present owner of the pearl, and by the person from whom he obtained it. The present owner, who is said to be a wealthy jeweler, expressed his astonishment at the attitude of the trust and said:

"I bought the pearl more than two years ago. I entrusted it last March to the Hindu artist, and I took a great risk. Would his treatment improve it, or would it, as sometimes happens, by removing the outer layer, only depreciate it? My confidence in him was justified. The pearl weighed five grains less by the removal of the outer layer, but its value had increased considerably. In spite of the transformation, however, the pearl preserved all the characteristics of an American fresh-water pearl. There was no attempt to hide this fact. Had it been a true pearl its value would have been at least \$10,000.

The case has revealed the secret of quite an industry in pearl treatment. One man is said to have a great establishment in the city with electric installations and means of producing ultra-orient and various secrets for improvement of the gems. Other men exist for turning mussel shells into fresh water pearls by an artificial process into the semblance of pearls.

This is the modus operandi: a water pearl of inferior quality is to form the nucleus. Its surface is slightly dented so that it presents a certain asperity. It is then with several successive layers of matter, that is to say, of an artificial but specially prepared material, the pearl. This is an agglomeration of an elementary process. The surface of the pearl thus transformed is then polished and its orient is now susceptible of being tinged at will in white, pink or yellow.

But if this falsified pearl is subjected to the test of an alcohol, the trick is at once evident. The superficial layers dissolve, and the nucleus is stripped of the artificial lustre. This seems to be an improvement on the process used by Jacquin, the rosary maker, who, in 1680, who claimed to have discovered the way to make pearls by means of fish scales.

Dec. 3.

THE GLUE CASE NOT SETTLED

Counsel Argues on Continuance of Elwell Factory if No Odors Polluted

In the superior court at Salem yesterday Judge Keating heard argument for the modification of the injunction granted by Judge Crosby against the glue factory of Benjamin E. Elwell. Rockport might continue to operate provided no noxious odors were allowed to escape and pollute the air. F. H. Tarr argued in favor of the injunction and Gen. William A. Elwell argued against it, claiming that the factory was an illegal one as it carried on business in violation of the provisions of section 108 of the city charter. Judge Keating reserved his decision.

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